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continuation of Application No. 08/132,172, filed October 6, 1993 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/696,948, filed October 20, 1992 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/846,659, filed March 4, 1992 (now abandoned).

In addition, please enter the specification amendments shown on the attached supplemental preliminary amendment, pages 1-6, dated April 7, 2000, which was copied from parent application USSN 09/311,835, filed May 14, 1999.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-44 without prejudice.

## **REMARKS**

No new matter has been added to the application by way of the above amendments.

## CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-337-7871.

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